(a) whether it is a fact that the DDA and the Land and Development Office in Delhi have given consent to commercialisation of 10 DTC Bus Terminals;

(b) if so, the details of the terms and conditions on which these terminals would be commercialised; and

(c) whether the commercialisation of DTC terminals is as per planning norms set by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of the above, the questions do not arise.

Expert team for remedial measures to protect historical buildings from earthquakes

2523. SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a team of experts to suggest remedial measures to protect historical buildings due to earthquakes;

(b) if so, the details and composition of the Committee;

(c) whether buildings like Parliament House, Rashtrapati Bhawan and North/South Blocks are not structurally strong enough to withstand high intensity earthquakes; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) DG(W), CPWD has constituted a Committee of experts vide office order dated 26th February 2001 to examine the

safety of Rashtrapati Bhawan, North Block, South Block and Parliament House Annexe Building and suggest remedial measures for protection of these buildings against natural calamities like earthquake. The Committee had been asked to submit its report shortly.

Proposal to restore structural safety of DDA flats and private houses in Delhi

2524. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to identify and domolish illegal constructions to restore structural safety of DDA flats and private houses in Delhi in the light of Gujarat experience;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to caution the owners of DDA flats and private houses which are less hazardous but need safety measures in view of the possible high-intensity tremors expected in the country's northern region in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Safety aspect of buildings in Delhi is governed by the Building Bye-laws which take care of the structural safety of the buildings constructed/proposed to be constructed. These Building Bye-laws are regulated and implemented through various agencies like the DDA, MCD and NDMC. The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has also been emphasising the need for strictly curbing any violation of the Building Bye-laws by any person or persons and has been stressing upon the local bodies/authorities to take action as per Rules and Acts against unauthorised constructions. It has been stated by the DDA that their Building Section has written to the Owners/ Architects of the multi-storeyed buildings falling within their area to